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Proposed Development on land off Habberley Road



Many of you will be aware of the latest situation with the proposed development of land off Habberley Road. This was widely advertised on the front page of the Kidderminster Shuttle this week (as I write this newsletter) which like many of you, I do not receive, but read on-line. We also understand that many neighbouring homes have received a booklet from new developers, Bovis homes, setting out their proposals. The site has been sold by the last developer, Richborough Estates, after their controversial plan for 124 homes was refused in July 2022 by the District Council, despite being released from the Green Belt in the District's Local Plan. Bovis are proposing a new 120-home plan, which is due to be submitted shortly, to the planning department at Wyre Forest District Council. When this happens, the Parish Council will be invited to comment, and will do so, but, whatever your views on this matter, we would encourage you all to submit your own comment to the District Council as well (as we urged both in January and July 2019). At the time of writing this newsletter, outline plans are still awaiting verification of submission at the District Planning Office.

Cleaning out Drainage Sump—Hoarstone Lane—and Surface repairs



Just after the rock cutting in Hoarstone Lane is an open drainage sump which acts as a soakaway and takes water from the underground highways' drains in the lane. Over several years now, the Parish Council have been asking County Highways to dig this out, as it had become blocked and silted up. Taking the opportunity of a recent road closure, our Parish Chairman, arranged, at short notice, and with the help of local contractors to have this dug out, and the spoil taken away, so that it would once again be effective in taking the water away from highway drainage, making the road safer to use.



Councillors have also contacted the County Council and reported the poor quality of the patching work done by their contractors higher up the lane. This is already starting to break up and hopefully will be rectified in the near future.

Spring Bulb Planting—Bringing Joy to the start of 2023



A group met at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December at 10am and welcomed some 25 volunteers gathered to plant bulbs supplied by the Parish Council.

The volunteers split up into various groups to plant near the bus shelters, the village signs of Trimpley and Low Habberley, the noticeboards, and near the church.

After their endeavours cake and warm drinks were supplied by Jane and volunteers. Thank you to everyone for their hard work, and all with a smile, of course

A welcome sight to watch for in the parish for Spring 2023!

Please contact Cllr. Holford on 07836 333030 if you would like to join us in the future or have any ideas for small projects locally.

Parish Council - Please visit our website : www.kfpc.org.uk

The public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. Opposite are the dates of the next meetings, which are usually on the 3rd Monday of each calendar month, (unless altered for special reasons) and are held in Trimpley Village Hall.

Please see agenda, posted before each meeting on the website or noticeboards, for details.

Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) are: 20th February, 20th March & 17th April.

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

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Mr. C. Jordan : Tel: 01299 861484

Mr. C. Grainger : Tel: 01299 212174

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Mr. B. Phillips : Tel: 01299 861661

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Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum** at the start of every meeting.

Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley

"At the beginning of October there was a service of thanksgiving to show our appreciation to Val and Ben Corfield for their tireless devotion to Holy Trinity Church. The size of the congregation reflected the community's appreciation.

Church was full again when we were entertained in October by the excellent ladies' choir, Grace Notes, and donations to the church totalling £225 were made.

It has been lovely to welcome some new people to the All Age Services. All are welcome to join in this creative style of worship which has recently included making bread and washing each others' hands.

We were all sad to lose Nigel our Rector when he moved on to pastures new. We very much appreciate all that Jane, Sue and Wendy do to keep everything moving.

It was a delight to welcome young and old to Christmas services. Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th, the All Age Crib Service on Christmas Eve and Communion on Christmas morning were joyous celebrations of the Birth of Christ.

We would like to wish you all a blessed 2023."



Charity Christmas Tree Sales



Sally and Ron Collins are delighted to say that they have had their most successful year ever with the "choose and cut your own Christmas trees" and would like to thank everyone who took part. In all, this year they took just over £8000, all of which has been paid to LAM Action. Thanks to all who supported this.

Once the Gift Aid on eligible takings is added this will be worth nearly £10,000 in total. LAM Action is a small charity with minimal overheads and all this money will be spent carefully in pursuance of the charity's aims. Details of this charity's work and the latest newsletter, which includes lots more pictures of the Christmas tree events can be found at <https://lamaction.org/>

Parish Precept for 2023/24

For those of you who are familiar with the components of the Council Tax, you will realise that only a very small proportion of this relates to the Parish Precept—the rate this Parish raises on the electorate for the Parish Council to continue to operate for local representation.

For the second year running, we have cut this by 50%, as compared with the 2021/22 level, being able to do this by careful budgeting in previous years. This follows the 5 years previously where we held it at 0% increase each year. We feel that our remit is to help local parishioners, albeit by only a small amount, in this period of high prices, and high inflation. On a Band C Property this amounts to approximately £11 per annum on your Council Tax. For this, your Parish Councillors work tirelessly in an entirely voluntary capacity to improve life within the parish. Details of financial matters are open for the public to view on the Parish website.

Trimpley Green WI Meetings

15th February—History Talk with Max Keen (English Civil War with Local References—Open meeting £4 for non-members)

15th March - Crochet Evening with Ellie Hooper

19th April - Trek Around the UK with Chris O'Grady

Meetings commence at 7.30p.m. in Trimpley Village Hall, and are held on the Third Wednesday of each month. New members welcome.

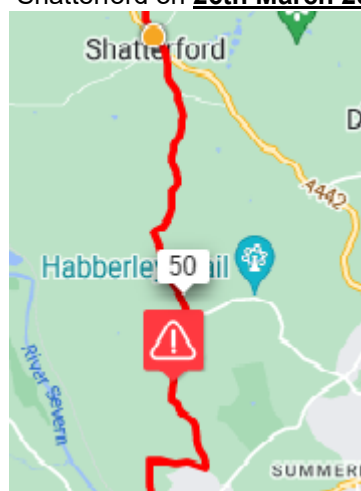
Village Hall Event

Blues Night—28th Jan starting at 7.30.: Booking Details on Trimpley Village Hall website <https://www.trimpleyvillagehall.org>

Mad March Hare Event—26th March



Parishioners should be aware of this 100km Cycling event which will pass through the parish from Bewdley to Shatterford on **26th March 2023**, with most of the cyclists



passing through the parish between **9am and 1pm**. We understand that a full event and route risk assessment will be sent to all local authorities as well as the police and emergency services. This will be finalised 4 weeks prior to the event with the final route. There is a mobile mechanic and mobile paramedics on the route, and also a broom wagon following the last rider ensuring all signage is taken down and that they 'leave no trace' with regard to any litter the participants may have left.

The Parish Council hope to receive further information in due course, but those interested can view full details of the event route here <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41363214> Our next newsletter is not until April, but we may post some details on the parish website when further information is received.

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vaccines.



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